

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS'S AEROJET
ROCKETDYNE EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM COTTON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 525 employees at Aerojet Rocketdyne's Camden, Arkansas, production facility and their upcoming achievement of the milestone shipment of their 2,000th PAC-3 Solid Rocket Motor and 400,000th PAC-3 Altitude Control Motor to Lockheed Martin and the United States Army.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion, and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Camden, Arkansas, on Thursday, December 5, 2013.

The PAC-3 missile, powered by Aerojet Rocketdyne propulsion, is a high velocity interceptor that defeats incoming targets by direct, body-to-body impact. The "hit-to-kill" PAC-3 missile is the world's most advanced, capable, and powerful terminal air defense missile, and when deployed in a Patriot battery, significantly increases the Patriot system's firepower. It is capable of defeating the entire threat of tactical ballistic missiles (TBMs), cruise missiles, and aircraft. One hundred percent effective in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the PAC-3 missile is a quantum leap ahead of any other air defense missile when it comes to the ability to protect the warfighter.

Since 1998, Aerojet Rocketdyne has manufactured the PAC-3 SRM and ACM rocket motors at its Camden facility. The PAC-3 rocket motors are a noteworthy element of Aerojet Rocketdyne's industry-leading tactical propulsion portfolio produced in Camden, generating significant employment opportunities for the area.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize the dedicated, hardworking employees of Aerojet Rocketdyne in Camden and their achievements so far. These Arkansans are working hard to ensure our men and women in uniform have the resources they need to carry out their missions effectively and quickly, and they deserve our sincere appreciation.

IN HONOR OF JIMMIE JOHNSON
AND THE NO. 48 LOWES TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jimmie Johnson for winning the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship. With this achievement, Jimmie

has earned his sixth Sprint Cup championship, further securing his spot in racing history.

North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District is home to many of NASCAR's greatest teams and, without a doubt, some of NASCAR's biggest fans. The Charlotte Motor Speedway, one of the premiere tracks where NASCAR races, sits in my hometown of Concord, North Carolina.

Jimmie Johnson, his No. 48 Lowes team, and Hendrick Motorsports skillfully clinched the Sprint Cup title, swiftly leaving other teams in the rearview mirror. But more than a champion driver, Jimmie uses his platform as one of the best drivers in NASCAR history to assist those in need. From public education to disaster relief efforts and rebuilding homes, he has raised more than \$5.6 million to better the lives of our children and families across the nation.

The impact Jimmie has had on our local communities is undeniable, and we are grateful for his commitment to help those in need. I am proud to represent Jimmie Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports as well as NASCAR, and we are thankful for the success this championship team brings to our state.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE DORENE
ALLEN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Midland County Probate and Family Court Judge Dorene Allen in recognition of her receiving the Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award, presented on November 26, 2013. This honor is extended to those with the most distinguished careers in serving Michigan's children and families. Judge Allen's passion for improving the lives of children and strengthening families in my hometown of Midland and across the state of Michigan makes her more than deserving of this award.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctor from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law, Judge Allen began helping children as a private practice attorney handling probate and family law cases. In 2001, Judge Allen was first elected to the Midland County Probate Court.

Throughout her time on the bench, Judge Allen has focused her courtroom on successful outcomes for our community's youth, and worked to strengthen all families. Her outstanding efforts have resulted in the use of a multi-systemic therapy program, which has helped to significantly reduce the county's juvenile delinquency rate. Additionally, Judge Allen's involvement was instrumental in establishing Midland County's Baby Court, a ground-breaking collaborative effort to stop the neglect and abuse of infants and toddlers, while keeping families united.

Judge Allen's service to children and families does not stop in the courtroom. Judge Allen serves on the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, a 15 member committee focused on implementing and improving effective juvenile justice policies and programs. She is also an active member of the Michigan Probate Judges Association, serving as the Chair of the Juvenile and Adoption Committee, and Juvenile Issues Committee.

Judge Dorene Allen's many successes, continued dedication to public service, and ongoing commitment to the families of the State of Michigan distinguish her as a deserving recipient of the Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I extend my congratulations to Judge Allen upon receiving this high honor, thank her for her contributions to our community and state, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

WINNER OF THE 1ST ANNUAL HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY
CONTEST FOR THE 27TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF
TEXAS

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, Hispanic Heritage makes a great influence in my life because it is a way of life. This culture is deeply important to me because it represents who I am, how I live my life, and how I view the world. All these characteristics form part of my life and personality, which I love, and lead me to proudly say that I am honored to be Hispanic.

Hispanic Heritage Month means celebrating our heritage by sharing stories and informing others of our traditions and customs, while honoring where we came from. As we share stories about the traditional Christmas posadas, Día de los Muertos celebrations, and the famous Grito de Independencia, we let others know more about our lives and at the same time spread our culture.

As a Hispanic, I have strict, conservative parents who have made me the person I am today. I have inherited ideas such as being respectful to our elders, the willingness to work, attending church, dedicating myself to help others, and above all being a strong person who overcomes obstacles I may face; these are important Hispanic characteristics that have been enforced to me by my parents and grandparents. All this has helped me during my lifetime and will continue to lead me in the correct path as I aspire for my life goals. I have many goals for my future, and my biggest dream is to one day become a physician assistant and make a difference in people's lives by helping those in need. My parents have taught me to use perseverance and never stop fighting for what I want because I

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